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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and the U.S. Border Patrol will conduct an informal open house to explore environmental issues and concerns related to the Border Barrier project for the U.S./Mexico border in the San Diego area.

The open house will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Imperial Beach City Hall Community Room, 825 Imperial Beach Blvd, Imperial Beach, CA.

The open house is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. It is being held to solicit input from the general public, interested citizens and other Governmental agencies regarding the nature and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The concept for the open house allows individuals to come and go at their leisure by visiting various exhibit areas and talking with subject matter experts. There will not be formal presentations, but the public is invited to provide written comments at the open house by using a variety of methods. Bilingual personnel will also be available.

Written comments must be received or postmarked by Feb. 23, 2001, and sent to the INS A-E Resources Center, USACE, Fort Worth District, ATTN: Stephen Brooks, P.O. Box 17300, 819 Taylor Street, Room 3A28, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300 or e-mail at Stephen.Brooks@swf.usace.army.mil